

MINUTES OF THE
MAG REGIONAL AVIATION SYSTEM PLAN POLICY COMMITTEE

Maricopa Association of Governments Office
302 North 1st Avenue, Ste. 200, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

April 30, 2001

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

*Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Chair, Glendale
Councilmember Wayne Fischer, Carefree
Councilmember Patti Bruno for Donna Wallace,
Chandler
Councilmember Dave Crozier, Gilbert
Councilmember Ken Porter
Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa
*Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
Councilmember George Zraket, Scottsdale
*Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise

*Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe
Councilmember Lon McDermott, Wickenburg
*Supervisor Fulton Brock, Maricopa County
Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, City of Phoenix
Gary Adams, Arizona Department of Transportation
Richard Dykas, Federal Aviation Administration
Lt. Colonel Ken Klesner, Arizona Air National
Guard
Gary Blake, Luke Air Force Base

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Greg Chenoweth, Chandler
David Krietor, Phoenix
John Solomon, Phoenix
Sue Palmeri, Phoenix
Sharon Wood, Phoenix

Phil Gardner, Peoria
Peggy Carpenter, Scottsdale
Odvar Tveit, Tempe
Shannon Wilhelmsen, Tempe
Gus Nezer, FAA
Harry Wolfe, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Acting Chairman Mayor Keno Hawker.

2. Review of Minutes of July 28, 2000

It was moved by Dave Crozier, seconded by Ken Porter and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of July 28, 2000.

3. Recommendation of Consultant to Complete the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan Update

Harry Wolfe reviewed the process by which the recommendation to negotiate with Wilbur Smith and Associates to complete the MAG RASP Update came about. He stated that in September 2000, the MAG Regional Council

approved the selection of GRW Willis to undertake an update of the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan for \$312,925 and that a contract was issued in October. Mr. Wolfe explained that in March 2001, MAG and GRW Willis mutually agreed to terminate the contract and that GRW Willis was compensated for the work that had been successfully completed. He added that a Request for Qualifications was issued for a consultant to finish the project and in response, MAG received Statements of Qualifications from the Berger Group and Wilbur Smith Associates for the MAG RASP Update.

Harry Wolfe stated that a multiagency consultant review group evaluated the statements of qualifications and unanimously recommended that MAG negotiate with Wilbur Smith to complete the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan Update. He indicated that he was seeking endorsement from the MAG RASP Policy Committee to forward the recommendation to the Management Committee and Regional Council for approval.

Councilmember Dave Crozier asked why GRW Willis was terminated. Harry Wolfe responded that after a meeting with GRW Willis in Phoenix it was mutually agreed that it would be best to terminate the contract and compensate them for the work that had been successfully completed. He said that MAG and GRW Willis were going in different directions.

Councilmember Dave Crozier asked if we could be sure that Wilbur Smith and Associates won't experience the same fate as GRW Willis. Harry Wolfe responded that although there are no guarantees, Wilbur Smith has a lot of experience doing system planning. He stated that he thought that they could successfully carry out the project.

Gary Adams said that Wilbur Smith did work for the ADOT Aeronautics Division on an air service study about a year and a half ago and that their performance was satisfactory. He also mentioned that Wilbur Smith is doing the update of the Pima Association of Governments Regional Aviation System Plan in Tucson, Arizona.

Councilmember George Zraket asked whether \$265,209 was enough money to do the job? Harry Wolfe responded that the consultants indicated that they could perform the scope of work for that amount of money.

Gary Blake from Luke Air Force Base emphasized that Luke recommended Wilbur Smith because the company was in a better position to address Special use airspace.

Mayor Keno Hawker asked whether the consultant would agree to finish inventory started by consultant or will they need to validate it.

Harry Wolfe responded that the consultant would not need to finish the inventory because MAG would provide it to them.

It was moved by George Zraket, seconded by Patti Bruno to recommend that MAG negotiate with Wilbur Smith Associates to complete the Update of the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan at a cost not to exceed \$265,209. The motion carried by a vote of 10-0 with two abstentions (Federal Aviation Administration and Luke Air Force Base).

4. Status Report on MAG RASP Update Work Completed to Date

MAG provided a status report on the MAG RASP Update. He noted that GRW Willis completed 70% of the inventory and that the remainder would be compiled by MAG staff.

Keno Hawker cited 2001 Long Range Transportation Plan Update that referred to a new runway at Sky Harbor. Harry Wolfe responded that the new runway referenced was the third runway and that the Update would be revised to delete reference to a new runway since the third runway was already constructed.

Dave Crozier asked whether the MAG RASP Update needs to make an assumption about a fourth runway.

Harry Wolfe said that a fourth runway should be considered as a part of the alternatives for meeting future demand, if Sky Harbor's projected demand exceeds its capacity. However, he added that the decision as to whether to include it as an alternative is subject to approval from the MAG RASP Policy Committee.

Harry Wolfe explained that the new consultant would begin with the forecasting element of the MAG RASP Update. He indicated that the first meeting of the MAG RASP Policy Committee would address forecasts.

Mayor Keno Hawker recommended that an interim meeting be held to introduce the consultant. Harry Wolfe responded that he would follow through on the recommendation.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

MAG RASP POLICY COMMITTEE
(Membership List for July 2001)

Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Chair	Glendale
Unappointed	Avondale
Councilmember Robert Doster	Buckeye
Councilmember Wayne Fischer	Carefree
Councilmember Donna Wallace	Chandler
Unappointed	Gila River Indian Community
Councilmember Dave Crozier	Gilbert
Councilmember Ken Porter	Goodyear
Councilmember Keno Hawker	Mesa
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